



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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REGENERATION (Born Again)

BY M. L. LOWE

Introduction: This great subject is one that has been misunderstood by many through the past ages, but is less understood today than at any time in recent years. Even now it is misconstrued and wholly ignored by so many so-called Christians, yet it is the foundation of all real religion, and without the experience of regeneration it is impossible to please God, live like the Bible teaches, or ever get to heaven, so dear reader, will you study this great doctrine with me from a Bible standpoint, not to accept unless this sermon corresponds to the Bible and not to refute it if it is proven to be sound doctrine according to **THUS SAITH THE LORD?**

1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness." The sinner must confess his sins to God in the name of Jesus Christ and God for Christ's sake forgives. (Not for your sake, or something you merit, but for Christ's sake.) Therefore, when He forgives we are justified in the sight of God and we have peace with God, according to Rom. 5:1. We have no more remorse of conscience, no more condemnation for sin, as long as we walk with Him, but have wonderful peace and wonderful joy. We are forgiven, just-

fied, and instantly after God forgives He regenerates our life, makes us a new creature in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 5:17. The old man that has kept us going wrong all our lives, and caused us to do even contrary to what we wanted to do many times, will be replaced by the new man that wants to do the will of God; we are **NEW CREATURES** in Christ Jesus. The old laws and ceremonies have failed and are failing, hence the advent of Christ into a sinful world to redeem them that are under the curse of sin, to take us out of sin and to take sin out of us.

Man began life in the garden of Eden, in what is known as the dispensation of **INNOCENCE**. In his first dispensation he miserably failed. Dispensation number two was **CONSCIENCE** and the people were so wicked that the flood was sent upon the world of ungodly men and women. Therefore, your conscience is not always a good guide because you will not listen to your conscience. Dispensation number three was after the flood, or **HUMAN GOVERNMENT**, man trying to run things without consulting God. This also ended in trouble, the confusion of tongues. Dispensation number four was **PROMISE**, when God made a covenant with Abraham, but the Jews

have failed to live right under that promise. They also failed under the fifth dispensation, the **LAW**. So after all these different dispensations failed, Jesus brought in the sixth, or the dispensation of **GRACE**, which still remains, and under this God will change all men if they will submit to God's will and plan, and you will not do the things of the flesh or follow after things that you know are not right, but you will delight to do the will of God and this will give you love, joy, and peace as you walk through this world, and give you a hope of eternal bliss. But you **MUST BE BORN AGAIN**.

The first birth is the natural and the second is the supernatural. Marvel not that I say unto you, **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN**. John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the **SPIRIT** is spirit."

The second birth, that of the Spirit, is just as real as the natural. You were born into the natural world once, whether you are an American, German, or some other nationality, but you **MUST BE BORN AGAIN** if you want

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Notices

The camp meeting that is announced in the school catalog to begin March 25 began Sunday, January 30, and will continue another week. There will be no camp meeting at the close of school.—Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Bible Training School.

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We are now in one of the greatest revivals the church at Hamilton, Ohio has ever had, with Orion L. Alewine and wife in charge. Fifty-two have been saved, twenty-nine sanctified and thirty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for the revival.—Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Kentucky: Verda gets the Sunday School banner for December with an increase of 200 per cent. Hazard comes second with an increase of 75 per cent.

The Y. P. E. banner goes to Hazard with an increase of 140 per cent. Cawood comes second with a 98 per cent increase. Business is picking up in Kentucky. Pray for us.—L. S. Cooper, Y. P. E. and S. S. superintendent of Kentucky, 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Pa.

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Any brother or sister coming either to Ft. Lauderdale or Miami, Fla., you will find the address of the Church of God and parsonage, with all the services announced, on the Evangel boxes (in Miami, Fla.). The Florida East Coast (in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) Evangel boxes with address and announcement F. E. C. railroad station, Seaboard R. R. Station, also Strannahan Park, just across from the Florida Motor Lines Bus Station. Please pray for this work.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. L. N. Fiquett, Box 1436, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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To whom it may concern: My address is now 775 Howard St., Akron, Ohio.—L. G. Rouse.

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Our Riviera, Fla. district convention will convene Feb. 5, 6. Everybody is invited to come bring a well-filled basket of dinner. Pray for us that God will give us souls.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Carl White, Riviera, Fla.

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The Rock Hill, S. C. district convention will convene at the local Church of God on the 600 block of Cedar St., Rock Hill, S. C. The convention will begin Friday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p. m. and will continue through Sunday afternoon. We are expecting this to be the greatest convention that we have ever had. Brother A.

V. Beabe, our state overseer, will be present. The very best in music and songs will be rendered. We are expecting the good Holy Ghost to lead in every service. Everybody is invited. Come with the glory of God in your souls to this great feast.—Linwood Jacobs, district overseer.

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I am planning on starting a mission in Newberry, S. C. Anyone there who is interested, please write me.—Margaret Jacobs, 529 Cedar St., Rock Hill, S. C.

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To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Mississippi: As I have been appointed state Sunday School superintendent and Y. P. E. president, I take this method of greeting all of you and asking your co-operation in this good work this year.

In the near future I plan to be on your district for a district meeting. Your district overseer will announce to each church the date, and I hope each Y. P. E. and Sunday School will be well represented. We will have something interesting to all and discuss our plans and problems. Where district presidents have not been appointed, they will be appointed at these meetings.

May I insist that each Sunday School report promptly on the first of each month on the cards I sent out, and if any secretary does not have cards, I will send them upon notice. Just as soon as reports come in systematically I will be able to award the state banner properly. Be sure to give exact attendance for each Sunday, as provided for on the cards sent you.

Let us strive for a greater interest in Sunday School and at the same time not forget to work, plan and pray for a more spiritual Y. P. E. At the district meetings mentioned, we will plan a program for our regular district church convention as Brother Godwin has asked us to take charge for one night. I also plan to bring to each of these meetings the Blackwood Quartet. This quartet is engaged in concert and program work in churches and schools and will have an interesting program to present at each place. I am sure we are all proud of our dear overseer, Brother Godwin, and let's co-operate with him in every way in the church work, and may I have your co-operation in the Sunday School and Y. P. E. work.—Doyle Blackwood, Tomnolen, Miss.

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The present clerk of the Newbern, Va. church is Harmon Bolt, Rt. 2, Pulaski, Va.—W. H. Ward, Box 395, Pulaski, Va.

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The Indiana state convention will convene at Shelburn, May 5-8. I want all pastors to begin now on our mission of-

fering. We want to raise the largest offering we have ever raised for missions, also our ten cents per member for aged ministers, as these old veterans need our help. Let us see that this is taken care of by April 1. We have two revivals going in the state at present and one to start Feb. 1. Many souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in a revival at Shelburn and it is still going.—C. H. Standifer, state overseer.

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This is to notify the preachers and churches of the Logan, W. Va. district of the district convention which will convene at Logan, W. Va. Feb. 25-27, beginning Friday evening, Feb. 25, and continuing over Sunday evening, Feb. 27. We would be glad if all churches would be represented. I would also like for the pastors to discontinue revivals and regular services where they can do so without injury to anyone. We will be looking for you. I am asking that each pastor make a drive for our \$1.00 per member drive on our state camp ground fund from now until the convention and bring what you have to turn over to E. C. Clark, who is treasurer of this fund, as we want to be able to build our tabernacle in time for our state convention. Let us do our best until then and see what we can do. May the Lord bless you.—Faithfully, R. A. Fielden, district pastor, Box 1164, Logan, W. Va.

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The Somerset, Ky. district convention will convene at the Park Ridge church March 4-6, beginning Friday, the 4th, at 7:00 p. m. Pastors, please have everything up, such as aged ministers' and mission quotas. We are expecting everyone to attend this convention and expecting the churches to be over the top with the aged ministers' quota. The churches on the Somerset district are: Park Ridge, Nancy, Freedom and Somerset. Others are working and will soon be over. Who will be next?—Solomon Scalf, 139 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

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I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here at Norfolk, Va. I came here the first of the year and found a few of the saints of God still standing true. The devil said we couldn't have a revival, but he is a liar and the father of it. We began to pray about the revival and the dear Lord came on the scene and began to bless. Eleven have been saved, and three filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, four sanctified and the altar filled every night. Pray that God will give us a larger building to worship in.

We are going to have a home coming the first Sunday in February, the 6th. We want all the children to come home for the day and we send a hearty wel-

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It Is Now Time to Awake

BY FRANK G. ROCHESTER

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Rom. 13:11, 12.

These are some of the words of Paul to the Romans. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." If it was needful in his day to warn the people to awake, what about the people of today? I say, God bring a spiritual awakening among us that will stir this world to seek God. Surely we are living in the last days before the soon coming of Jesus and God's people need to awake to righteousness and sin not. Read 1 Cor. 15:34.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." If there ever was a time when the people who profess to know God ought to cast off the works of darkness, put on the armour of light, and walk as children of light, it is now.

Jesus said in His sermon on the Mount, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Many things are said and done that God is not glorified in and many of them can be termed works of darkness. Brother and sister, this world has gone so far from God, all kinds of sins being committed; God wants you and me to come out from everything that would defile us and be a light for Him. A separation from the world would be a good thing for all of us to practice.

2 Cor. 6:14-17, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Too many today are failing to obey the Word of God. Some live so near the world that God is not pleased with many things they do and say. Listen, you had better take warning before you go too far. The beloved Apostle John said, "Love not the

world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever," 1 John 2:15-17. Notice he said, "He that doth the will of God abideth for ever." Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Brother and sister, above everything else we had better do the will of God and if you have not sought to know His will in the past as you should, begin now to seek His will for that He would have you to do. Do you seek to live in pleasure and get a church to pastor that pays a lot of tithes regardless of what God wants you to do, or do you pray, Lord, lead me to where you can get the most glory out of my life?

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he said, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God," Eph. 5:1, 2. Also in Rom. 12:1, 2 he said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Too many today are conformed to this world, going after the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. I believe some of our Church of God people dress too much like the world. Read what 1 Tim. 2:9 records, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." Not only are some conformed to the world in dressing but talking, saying many foolish things. "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partak-

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

Cash receipts for October, November and December, 1937:

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| Alabama | \$198.28 |
| Arkansas | 54.95 |
| Arizona | 10.61 |
| California | 77.31 |
| Colorado | 2.32 |
| Delaware | 4.69 |
| Florida | 365.24 |
| Georgia | 178.34 |
| Idaho | 1.51 |
| Iowa | 4.16 |
| Illinois | 92.18 |
| Indiana | 29.37 |
| Kansas | 27.00 |
| Kentucky | 161.67 |
| Louisiana | 25.58 |
| Maine | 31.16 |
| Massachusetts | 1.73 |
| Maryland | 75.82 |
| Michigan | 80.27 |
| Foreign (Canada) | 2.26 |
| New Mexico | 21.15 |
| Montana | 13.74 |
| Missouri | 69.32 |
| Mississippi | 58.28 |
| Minnesota | 6.57 |
| Nebraska | 1.43 |
| New Hampshire | .75 |
| North Carolina | 425.24 |
| North Dakota | 37.45 |
| Ohio | 353.23 |
| Oklahoma | 31.43 |
| Oregon | 8.51 |
| Pennsylvania | 169.45 |
| South Carolina | 290.89 |
| South Dakota | 24.74 |
| Tennessee | 228.08 |
| Texas | 106.82 |
| Virginia | 70.62 |
| West Virginia | 189.18 |
| Washington, D. C. | 13.29 |
| Washington | 10.06 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 1,127.94 |

Card of Thanks

We just want a small space in the Evangel to say, Thank you, to our many friends for the nice gifts sent to us. We are thankful for everything sent to us, and especially do we wish to thank those of you who have sent blankets and soap coupons. These were so much needed and appreciated. We received almost 100,000 soap coupons during the year of 1937.

We highly appreciate your co-operation and thoughtfulness. May the Lord bless everyone of you.

YOUR ORPHANS.

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have the real truth of God and are able to teach it according to His Word, and we should not faint at heresies and false doctrines which are filling the land. The best way to defeat heresies is by establishing the truth. If the enemy could cause the real true ministers to become discouraged, it would be a sad day for the Church, so let us take courage and stand for the plain, written Word of God until He says it is enough.

In verses 16 and 17 Paul gives some encouraging thoughts. "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Our outward man refers of course to our physical bodies, but our inward man refers to the spiritual man which is renewed day by day. Though death should overtake us, we are admonished to be faithful. We can overlook any present momentary sorrow when we reflect that it is in our power to be happy a thousand years hence. There will be no Christian but what will have a Gethsemane, but every praying Christian will find that there is no Gethsemane without its angel.

It should be encouraging to every minister and Christian to know that after the severe trials that may try us, there is a bright light ahead regardless of what may happen in this life, but this all depends on our being true to the trust committed to us, and holding up His Word as we should. If you have ever traveled a long distance early in the morning before day, you remember how you hailed the appearance of the dawn with great joy, how the light brought clear vision and gladness to your heart. This is true in the Christian life when the glory of God comes down and brightens the way.

IN WORKS

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," Gal. 6:9.

In fair doing let us not show a faint heart. Opportunities are great these days, the season for sowing is certainly on and just any kind of grain will not do; but there is one thing we can depend on—we will reap what we sow and we should take courage and be sure that we sow righteous seed. I feel specially impressed to ask that we stick to the precious Word of God. What good will it do us if we lower the standard, though it may bring numbers? I tell you, God will hold the Church responsible for the whole truth. We can not confound wrong practices with the truth of God. Resolving is not doing, we must put it

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✻ Editorials ✻

A Word to Our Subscribers

We have had a good bit of correspondence from off the field concerning the Evangel not arriving safely. Almost invariably we find that the papers are being mailed from here every week and it is not our fault that you do not receive them. Quite often we have found that people move and neither leave a forwarding address with their post office nor notify us. Of course that paper goes to the old address. Then a number of times we have found that the fault was in the post offices. Sometimes where we have more than one paper going to the same post office, some would get their paper and others would not. We would like for you to have this information, that where there is more than one paper going to the same office, they are all mailed from here in the same wrapper, except rolls which come wrapped separately. Your postmaster breaks the wrapper and puts each subscriber's paper in his box or sends it out by the postman. So if one person at your post office gets his paper, it is a sure sign that yours is there too and you should get it. Of course if you have not and have let your subscription expire, the addressing machine throws it out and your paper stops. And too, sometimes mail gets lost and a few times we failed to receive subscriptions. But, if you have received your paper a few times, then missed a few times, you can remember this, that it is being mailed from here and is just not delivered to you. We want every subscriber to get his paper and we are doing our best to see that they do. If you fail to get your paper, make a diligent inquiry of your postmaster and help us to help you get your paper.

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Faint Not

IN PRAYER

"And he spake a parable unto them to

this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint," Luke 18:1.

Though we may grow weary when the Lord does not answer our prayers in a few minutes, we should always remember that His ears are open to our cries and He knows just when to help us. Prayer is our solemn duty. Delay and discouragement should never cause us to fail to pray. Let prayer be the keynote of the morning and like Daniel of old, may we be in prayer all the day.

In this chapter Jesus tells about the woman who went to the unjust judge. Doubtless you have all read the story of her persistence. Though she was ignored and turned away so many times, she kept coming and pleading her cause and finally this judge, though he did not fear God nor regard man, yet for her continual coming, though she weary him, he granted her petition. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" The next verse says, "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily." Here Jesus is encouraging the people in intercessory prayer. God is more just than man and if man can be influenced to hear a petition because of one's continual coming, how much more will God hear those who cry unto Him day and night?

IN CONFIDENCE

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not," 2 Cor. 4:1.

This scripture applies to the true ministers of God who are in continual combat with heresy and false teaching, but Paul tells the Corinthian brethren that they have the true ministry and they will receive mercy, and we certainly must not give down nor faint. It is said that in ancient times a man was measuring grain and he was trying to find out how much cheat there was in a bushel of grain. One of the old advisors said, "Never mind about the cheat. It's worthless. But the way to overcome cheat is put in the whole grain." So we know we

The PERRY-SCOPE

TREASURES—NEW AND OLD FROM FAR AND NEAR

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

What I Saw in the Soviet Union

Under the above caption Rev. Peter Deyneka, a native Russian, who is a Christian and an active worker for the Lord, writes in the Russian Gospel News:

"I am very happy indeed to write another missionary report on the spiritual conditions in the Soviet Union. I thank God for the opportunity to visit the Soviet Union and to see the actual conditions for myself, so I could report to you, dear praying and supporting friends, of this great Russian gospel work, and that we might know just how and where to send our money to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ and help to spread the gospel. I am writing exactly what I witnessed with my own eyes and what I heard during the past spring and summer months in the Soviet Union.

KIEV

"While I was in a great meeting that was going on in the Evangelical Christian church in Kiev I noticed several Russian soldiers in their uniforms standing in the crowd listening with much interest to the gospel message. There I was convinced more than ever before that the gospel has not lost its power even in Soviet Russia and believe it never will lose its power till Jesus comes. My heart was greatly stirred with the desire to preach this wonderful gospel because it works everywhere, yes, even in this land! At the conclusion of the service the preacher asked all who desired to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior to pray. As they knelt down to pray, oh, how the sinners cried out to God for mercy on their souls! Many, many accepted the Lord that evening. During this season of prayer, I noticed even the soldiers standing silently with their heads bowed reverently in a prayerful attitude.

"It was very encouraging to see not only the older ones at this gospel service but also the young people and children who accompany their parents and when mother kneels to pray her children kneel with her. Glory to God for this great spiritual awakening that is taking place in Russia. I am thoroughly convinced that the people in Russia are hungry for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Even the soldiers, when they are not on duty, come to the gospel meeting.

"There were many young people present at the service, which lasted for over three hours. In the city of Kiev there are

a few churches open, such as Evangelical, Baptist, Lutheran and Greek Orthodox. In some churches meetings are held four times a week.

"The world-famous Greek Orthodox monasteries to which faithful followers paid pilgrimage from all parts of Russia, walking, in some instances, for hundreds of miles to say their prayers, are now closed and have been since 1930. They are now used as anti-religious museums, where students and tourists are shown the relics of religion. I was guided through many underground tunnels in a monastery and saw all the places with their sacred contents as they were kept by the monks and worshipped by the weary pilgrims. I was there on Monday, which happened to be the day of rest in Russia, when children were free from school, and I saw many of them escorted through the monastery by special guides and were given lectures against God and religion, with the exhibits offered as proof.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION IN THE SOVIET UNION

"According to the new constitution some religious privileges are granted in some cities and villages and a few churches in each are permitted to have religious services.

"In the past few years all clergymen were deprived of all rights of citizenship. Now they have a right to seek employment, to travel, and to preach the gospel only where permitted. But the printing of gospel literature such as Bibles, New Testaments and hymn books, is not permitted. No Bibles can be sent in from the bordering countries either. This constitution does not give protection to religion. The war against God continues as before against religion by atheism. The Christians of Russia certainly do need our prayers, because they are facing great opposition by atheistic organizations. We believe that Christ will give them victory, for they gladly and willingly suffer for the gospel's sake. We thank God that so many Christians in Russia have been faithfully witnessing for the Lord every way they could in spite of fear and suffering. Oh, how much more we in America should be willing to pray and encourage them to get the gospel. Let us pray and give."

A woman, in doubt that there was a God, and in great trouble, cried out, "O God, if there is a God, wilt thou re-

veal it to me?" A voice spoke within her, "Act as if I was and you will find out that I am."

The Christian should so behave himself in this ungodly world that the sinner will see Jesus in all his ways. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses."

If the peace of our heart be destroyed amid our righteous desires to please the Master, it is because of self-willed purposes mingled with our upright desires.

Jesus the Savior receives all who truly come to Him; but those who will not come as beggars, who are blinded by pride, sin and unbelief—how can they complain if sent away empty?

Young People's Corner

Steps Downward, Steps Upward

Young John Stam, who with his wife, was martyred by communists in China recently, once, after hearing a stirring address on deeper spiritual living, sent his brother the following notes:

There is a platform known as Exposure to Temptation, and all men stand there. From it each one goes either up or down. SEVEN AWFUL STEPS DOWNWARD

1. Trifling with sin.
2. Yielding to sin.
3. Habitual yielding to sin.
4. Abandonment to sin. Eph. 4:19.
5. Abandonment of God to sin. Rom. 1:28.
6. Entering into alliance with the devil to tempt others to sin.
7. Hell: and you do not have to die in order to get there. Hell is character as well as location. The man who hates everything that God loves is in hell now, and hell is in him.

SEVEN GLORIOUS STEPS UPWARD

1. Resistance as an attitude: determining that sin shall not have dominion over you.
2. Overcoming sin, by faith in Christ.
3. Habitual victory over sin. The strength that comes from one victory helps in overcoming the next temptation.
4. Learning the secret of a victorious life, a life "hid with Christ in God."
5. Taken up by God into deeper fellowship. You trusted God and now God trusts you. "O Daniel, greatly beloved," yet he was only a man!
6. Made a succorer of others: like "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."
7. Heaven: and you do not have to die in order to get there. Heaven is character as well as location. The man who devotedly loves everything that God loves is in heaven now and heaven is in him.

News from the Mission Field

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

NEWS FROM CHINA

December 4, 1937

Rev. J. H. Ingram,
1630 Cherry Avenue,
Long Beach, Calif., U. S. A.

Dear Friend and Brother:

Peace, joy and more joy be yours. How ever can I thank you? As I look at the photograph my heart runs over with joy, tears run down and thanks go up to God, our Lord and Master. Such an Assembly of saints! Our Chinese brothers and sisters did sing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There." We had a night of prayer for the leaders of the Church of God, after that a brother gave a message. I did not get all but the words were more of a warning to the Chinese to stop crying and looking at the dark side of the war; we sit and weep in vain; the voice of the Almighty said, "Up and onward forevermore." Let us now as members of the Church of God move on and step out boldly, though it be into the night, and we can scarcely see the way. You have a voice, just call to God, the path will open as we progress, like the trail through the corn fields or the mountain pass, which discloses but a few buh (rods) of its length from any single point of view. Press on, press on, if necessary, we will find even the pillar of cloud and fire to mark our journey.

We have much work these days, yet Jesus helps us and with a glad heart we do it. We get so many calls from the poor people who have lost all in the floods; then there are the war victims. There is not a day but some call, plead just to let them rest for a day, some are sick in body. They left home and left all behind. Some homes are broken up. One does not know where the rest are. Sad, sad stories are told. We thank God to be able to do some good and after the work is done it is better not to think of it but do more however matters go. The tired traveler will soon have a joyful and sweet welcome home.

Our work bears fruit. Yesterday a soldier came. On August 12 I gave him a Gospel and told the rest of the soldiers to listen as he read as I did not have many more, for almost five hundred Gospels I have given out. This soldier took heart. I saw hope in his face so I asked him to call the rest so that we could have a few words with God. That is what we call prayer, and he was full of joy when his train went out. My prayers followed it;

out on the field he was wounded. His story runs like this: It was a bitter fight, men fell on all sides and down he went. At first there was no pain, but he was not able to walk, yet he still used his gun. That was shot out of his hand and there he lay in the field, pain, fear, death gripped him. In his pocket there still was the Gospel. The outside was covered with his blood, and some of the pages inside. He cried as he showed it to me and said, "I gripped it in my hand and cried to God asking Jesus to take care of me." All he was able to remember was that strength left him and he awoke in a hospital and by his side he saw the Gospel. He is well, but not able to be a soldier any longer, so on his way home he came to our mission. Last night he gave his testimony. The church was too small to hold all and there was not one dry eye; such power there was in the soldier's words that two gave their hearts to Jesus and all who were there were much taken and moved closer to God.

Today as he left many came to the mission for prayer. Three men went with him a day's journey; the trains are not running; for some days we have heard the roar of the big guns and planes are flying over us. On our mission gate we have a sign "Church of God, American property, do not molest" in English and Chinese letters, bearing the American Consul's seal, but we do not hide behind this. We hide under the shadow of His wings. We are not idle but the work is demanding much. Our evangelists are planning to carry on evangelism to these great multitudes. Dear brother, oh do stir the great Church of God to pray as never before for China. The fight is not over yet and the Chinese are a peaceful nation; they have made a more wonderful progress in the last five years than the outside world knows anything about.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has unified the country. He and China's national leaders have made great reforms in education and industry, have built many roads in all lines and life-old things have almost vanished. Then, to the astonishment of the world, the war lords of Japan step in. Japan mobilized her national army to fight China. She has land, sea, and air forces at work to carry her wanton destruction; she has destroyed the great Nankei University and many government buildings. Above all she has bombed all innocent civilians. Thousands of women and children are

killed, yet many thousands are driven out of homes to seek shelter elsewhere. It is a piteous sight. We, the children of God in China, get our share. It is better not to write or think of it, but wade in and do the work.

Through the New Life Movement reform has gone into the homes and lives of the common people. Madame Chiang (Sung Me Li) and the ladies of some officials, give a lot of Bibles away. They say that one cannot have new life without knowing Jesus who is the giver of new life. You must be born again and be made new.

It does seem too bad that all this reconstruction should be swept away at just this period when the country is eagerly building up everywhere. It is just like Satan to come and stop all work. Only God can save China from being bombed all to pieces. The Church of God can do much service to China by simple, faithful prayer. So dear Brother Ingram, we plead for you to set the saints to praying and to laying hold of God at this time of need. We have our daily prayer hours and the Chinese at this time are seeking God.

With prayer for His blessings to rest on you and all the dear saints, I am your brother in His field, China,

PAUL C. PITT.

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Greetings from the Hawaiian Islands

Greetings from the Hawaiian Islands. We just want to say that truly God has been with us and blessed us in a wonderful way since arriving here May the first, by opening doors to us and saving many souls and baptizing many with the Holy Spirit for which we are truly thankful. We are evangelizing these islands. We were on the Island of Maui six weeks and the big Island of Hawaii two weeks. God was with us. He saved nine souls and filled three with the Holy Spirit and the churches are greatly revived.

We are now back on the Island of Oahu in the city of Honolulu in the Gospel Mission where we have been preaching. The leader, Mrs. Agnes Mooklor, desires to come in with the Church of God. She has about fifty members. There have been about eighty souls saved and twenty-one filled with the Holy Spirit. We praise God for every soul. Please continue to pray for us.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Litton, Honolulu T. H., 1038 Alapai.

Those who are nearest God may be having the hardest fight and the most fiery trials and the greatest temptation and the greatest opposition but they hold their position by letting none of these things move them.

Bible School Echoes

What Happens in Russia?

The school was surprised with a lecture on "Conditions in Russia" this morning by a man who is in a position to vouch for all statements he may make on the subject, by name Paul Voronaeff. The substance of his lecture was as follows:

"I am very glad to be here this morning in Tennessee, a long ways from Russia where I lived for thirteen years, therefore I speak from personal experience. My parents have been exiled to Siberia for no crime other than preaching the same gospel which you are studying about in this school.

"What is the world facing in 1938? Is the world facing war? Can the present turbulent state of affairs throughout the world continue to develop without war?

"The people in Russia believe that they are now going through the great tribulation as taught in the Bible (those who are Christians). Many scenes as pictured in the Bible as taking place in the great tribulation take place in Russia now. They believe that they are facing the mark of the beast.

"The great country of Russia is in spiritual darkness; churches, cathedrals, places of religious worship have been destroyed or badly demolished, but despite this fact there are thousands of people in the land who believe in Jesus and He is precious to their hearts. Many of these pictures (he was showing us pictures on a screen as he lectured) I had compressed to the size of postage stamps and placed between slit leather in my shoe soles, thus I was enabled to smuggle them out of the country.

"My parents came to America in 1912. My father studied for the ministry and was always engaged in religious service. He preached to thousands of Russian, Polish and Ukranian people in this country. He traveled the United States considerably, preaching the gospel. He became noted throughout this country and Canada for his labors. He was not satisfied, the Lord definitely dealt with him about Russia, so in 1920 he and family embarked for Russia, the country which contains one-sixth of the world's land and a population of 170,000,000 people. The land of no Bibles, hymn books or churches, where the people have to hide away in their cellars to pray because if they are caught they are imprisoned for ten years or killed like a dog. Russia can raise enough wheat to supply 500,000,000 people yet, within her own country

hundreds starve to death because the government exports the wheat at a price below that sold in other countries.

"The Communists of Russia prior to the revolution, which came about through violence, promised the people liberty, quality and unheard of prosperity, but instead of these things being established the revolution of 1917-21 brought about ruin, bloodshed of over 5,000,000 people, destruction of every description. Many factories were destroyed and many buildings completely ruined. Russia has only one banner which is the red banner, on which is represented Prototorian of all the world united.

"A prominent leader in the red revolution was Lenin but this ambitious man, who was largely responsible for the revolution, died in 1924. A great shrine was built in memory of him in which thousands and thousands of people worship daily the remains of his dead body.

In Europe today are four outstanding dictators whom the world is watching. In Italy Mussolini is much concerned about restoration of the Roman Empire; Adolf Hitler in Germany, who says, 'We must get our colonies back;' Stalin in Russia whose aim is 'the world for Communism.' I believe these men are preparing the way for Antichrist. What is going to happen? Some say the dictator of Italy is Antichrist. I don't say but I believe they are preparing the way for the Antichrist.

"In Russia Christians are either exiled or killed. They (Communists) are organized to wipe out Christianity. The party is boring into the United States, poisoning the minds of thousands of young people; 1,000,000 young people in the United States have been baited into the Communist party. The I. W. O. in America is disguised Communism.

"In Russia they are crucifying the Son of God afresh. They represent Him as the one who made the first whiskey, they print and distribute many blasphemous cartoons which are a disgrace to mankind. These cartoons ridicule in every conceivable manner the religion of Jesus. God is denounced in the public schools. The boy of eight will deny Jesus and say that he hates Him. He considers the Bible a collection of myths and fables. He considers a minister an old fogey and a fake, thus he is taught to disbelieve in God.

"The Communists in America sing a song entitled 'Christians at War,' the first verse of which goes like this:

Slug your Christian neighbors
Pulpitier effervescent swill;
All your acts are sanctified by the
Lamb on high.
If you love the Holy Ghost
Go murder, pray and die,

Onward Christian soldiers
Rip and tear and smite
Let the gentle Jesus bless your dynamite,' etc., verse after verse of rank blasphemy.

"The tower on which appears a statue in Russia of Lenin is twelve stories high on which appear words of blasphemy and 'workers of the world unite.'

"When my father reached Russia he went from village to village preaching, stirring the hearts of the Russian people. At one place he wanted to have a baptismal service which had to be carried out secretly. The service took place about fifteen miles from town in a creek of muddy water, knee deep. Lookouts were posted at different points to warn the approach of any officers. In Russia they have and are suffering the worst persecution ever known in the world. Those who love Jesus, many times go to prison or are put into box cars in which terrible conditions prevail, and are sent into exile. Families many times are separated. Communism has brought into existence slavery of a kind worse than any other kind that ever existed.

"My father is exiled in Northern Siberia where they have three months' darkness at a time but still he must work seventeen hours, a day under guard. Thousands in these concentration camps are afflicted with terrible diseases, one of which is called scurvy. They live in shacks called barracks and are fed but very scanty rations. In the place where my father is in 1933 seven hundred froze to death because drifts covered them and it was impossible for the soldiers to break through to them. Finally they built a huge fire over them and their bodies were eventually burned up.

"Many in Russia are ready to die for the gospel of Jesus. People die by the wholesale and many are often buried in the same grave.

"Thousands of boys and girls who have been separated from their parents roam the streets, living under every conceivable adverse circumstance existing, barely so, the best way they can. Thousands are afflicted with all kinds of venereal diseases. Christ or Communism! A gruesome picture but a common scene in Russia.

"I have a brother and sister in America. My father and mother have been silenced and exiled into Northern Siberia, 3,000 miles away from each other. They are both completely human wrecks. I ask you to please pray for them that God will in some way deliver them."

This lecture by Brother Voronaeff pictured to us as never before the awful results of Communism in Russia. God forbid that America should ever foster such principles.—Geo. H. Poteat.

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Reports

ECKMAN, W. Va.—We truly praise and thank the Lord for the way He is blessing the Church of God here, in Eckman. The work is progressing in a wonderful way. God is blessing His faithful few. We praise God for the interest and zeal of our pastor. He has been a blessing to our church. We have a good pastor, Brother A. T. Little, and appreciate him and his family very much.

Our Sunday School is coming along wonderfully and has been greatly built up, encouraged and has taken new life.

We have organized a Y. P. E. We have a new determination to work more for our Y. P. E. in the future than we did last year. Let us say to all the young people, come and take part in our meetings and boost our Y. P. E. and Sunday School and do our best for the Lord this year than we ever have. We are looking forward to a great revival in the near future. We earnestly desire the saints everywhere to pray much that the Lord will smile upon us and give us many more souls during this year.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Thomas Parks, Box 14.

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GREENVILLE, N. C.—Truly we praise the Lord for full and free salvation. We really thank and praise Him for His mercy, goodness and kindness and all that He means to us. We praise Him for the revival just closed at Flemmings Cross Roads with Brother and Sister Pomroy in charge. Truly there was some good music and singing rendered by their string band, and the Lord used Brother Pomroy in giving many wonderful sermons. There were four saved, one sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel that there was much good done that will be remembered till Jesus comes. Praise the Lord. Brother and Sister Pomroy are fine evangelists and are open for calls. Pray for us here in Greenville, N. C.—Miss Alice Godby.

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MARVEL, Ala.—I praise God this morning for old-time religion with victory in my soul and for the little band of saints here at Marvel. We are few in number but the Lord is still blessing us. We are still letting Him hold our hand. I praise Him for our pastor and his good wife. How they feed our souls with such good sermons and songs! We sisters have a W. W. B. and are working now to get a piano for the church. Pray for God to help us work with all our might and I know He will.

I praise God for the Evangel, it has

meant much to me. I believe it was in the year of 1918 when I first subscribed for this little paper, and most of the time since it has been a welcome visitor to my home. Many times it has been my only preacher when I have had to be away from service. It surely would bless my heart and encourage me to press on.

Everybody please pray for me and for my husband and boys that God will save them soon. — A sister in Christ, Ella O'Brien.

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ALARKA, N. C.—We praise God for good salvation. We are saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost and are fully trusting God for healing. God is blessing at Alarka. We surely love our good pastor, Brother T. L. Willix, and his good wife. They are a great blessing to the church and the people. Our church is in good condition now and we are hoping to go over the top for God this year.

Please pray for the saints at Alarka. Pray for our good pastor.—Your brother in Christ, J. A. Tippet.

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ALVIN, Ill.—We thank God for the good work being done here in Alvin. We feel that our pastor is a God-sent man to Alvin, wherein many are shouting the praises of God. We surely thank the Lord for him.

We also thank God for sending Brother L. G. Rouse to our church here Jan. 14. The church would not hold the crowd. Many were healed of various diseases, among whom one deaf and dumb child received his hearing and speech. Praise God, for His power is the same as in the days of old. Brother Rouse and his two coworkers were a great help and inspiration to the church here.

We covet the prayers of everyone for the good interest here to continue that our all in all be in Him who saved us.—A sister in Christ, Miss Marie Poulson.

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RICHMOND, Va.—I praise our Redeemer for the wonderful way He is blessing in South Richmond. We truly thank God for our new pastor and wife, Brother and Sister H. E. Sells. They really have the work at heart and are loved by all. Sister Sells delivered a message last Sunday night that held all in our building (which was filled to capacity) spellbound, and I'm sure it found a resting place in the hearts of the unsaved.

We certainly are proud too of our C. of G. Y. P. E. Our president surely is qualified for the position, which accounts for the rapid growth and interest shown.

Our Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds. Our building is entirely too small since our ranks have increased over sixty-six. Surely God is with us. Praise His name! It's so wonderful to serve a

prayer-answering God. We're holding on to God that He will pave the way for a new church. Help us pray. It's wonderful the messages, with the power of the Holy Ghost, that Brother and Sister Sells bring forth.

We are starting a revival in the near future. Pray that God will save many souls and bless the untiring efforts of the ones who are so faithfully laboring and sacrificing for the work here in South Richmond.—Mrs. Geneva Thompson, clerk, Box 4005, Richmond, Va.

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SATARTIA, Miss.—On Tuesday night, Jan. 4, a new Church of God was set in order by the state overseer, T. W. Godwin. The new church is located near Satartia, Miss. and was set in order with fifteen new members and five by transfer.

The new church is on fire for God and stands foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings. Though small in membership, it attracts large congregations, and souls are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Remember us in your prayers.—Lamar Wheeler, clerk.

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E. ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Probably it will be of some interest to the Evangel readers to hear about the work in East St. Louis, Ill. We are proud of our church and know the Lord is blessing us. We are glad for our pastor, Brother G. W. Messer. We feel he is doing his best to help the church grow. Brother M. G. Swarts is conducting a revival for us and we hope to see many souls saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We are very proud of our Young People's Endeavor. It makes us feel good to know that we young people have a part in the upbuilding of the Church. When we reorganized on Dec. 10, 1936 we enrolled twenty-six members. At the present date we have about forty-six members, most all of whom are Christians. We thank God for their willingness to give their time for the service of the Lord. We know that the Lord will help us to go over the top for Him. We have made our theme song, "Over the Top for Jesus." Pray for us that we may rise and shine for the glory of God.—Your sister in Christ, Alta Moore, correspondent clerk, 1514 Nector Ave.

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We have just closed a revival at the church at St. Charles, Va. with Brother L. M. Justice as evangelist. God saved nineteen, sanctified fifteen, baptized ten with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen were added to the church—three complete homes.

A Willing Workers Band is working to help build a church at St. Charles.

A crowd of free people and no church

people built a church four or five miles from here and their preacher failed to come to pastor the place and help finish the building. The writer has been called to talk over plans to take a deed to the place for the Church of God. I want every child of God to pray that I can win this place for God's Church.—Your brother in Christ, J. W. Leslie, pastor, Box 8, Bonny Blue, Va.

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Oklahoma Work Reviewed

For the past few weeks we have been almost continually engaged in revivals, hoping to be a blessing to the churches as well as the unsaved.

Just last Sunday night, Jan. 16, we closed a two weeks' revival at Seminole, of which Brother Claud Sharp is pastor. They have recently bought a place of worship and remodeled it, also a parsonage. On the first Sunday afternoon of the revival the fellowship meeting convened there, of which Brother Wm. Schneidmueller is district overseer. The revival was indeed a success for which we praise God. Seventeen souls prayed through to a definite experience.

Between the rush of visiting churches we spent one week in a revival at Lawton, of which Brother A. S. Eason is pastor. The weather was very cold and the crowds were small, but the Lord blessed and saints were encouraged and uplifted. The power fell and the Holy Ghost spoke to us in prophecy, telling us He would stand by us. Praise His name!

We made our way on Monday to Norman, after the revival closed Sunday night at Lawton. Brother Bloomingdale preached there the remainder of the week. God anointed him for most every message and wonderfully upheld him. The saints were so encouraged and are praying for us to return for another revival. They purchased a piano while we were there and I made use of it. Brother Fetters is in charge of that work at the present time and he is continuing the revival with good interest.

Last Sunday we attended the fellowship meeting at Stonewall, which is on Brother Curtsinger's district. Brief reports were given by most every minister there; also special vocal numbers were rendered by different ones, followed by a message by Brother Bloomingdale, state overseer. Brother Atchley and wife, pastor at Ravia, were there with their evangelist, Brother O. J. Baney and wife who gave a good report of their revival which closed Sunday night, stating that thirty-six were saved, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost and eighteen added to the church.

We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing in the state. There seems to be a revival spirit throughout the state.

Of course the devil is on the job too, but our Master is more than conqueror.

Brother Bloomingdale appointed Sister Schneidmueller of Maud as president of the Willing Workers Band of Oklahoma for this assembly year.

We moved into our new home this week at Maud. It is cozy and homelike and surely appreciated, after being quite tired from traveling and revivals. The church at Maud and the state of Oklahoma Church of God bought and furnished it. Our address is now Box 656, Maud, Okla. Pray for us.—Mrs. Geo. M. Bloomingdale.

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Report of Work in Kansas

I use this method of expressing our appreciation of the Lord's blessings and the efforts of our good people by this report to the Evangel readers of our work in Kansas, also of Pittsburg district. I'm beginning the sixth year of labor in Kansas. Coming here in 1932, I spent five years in Coffeyville. I can now see the great hand of God working in a way of opening up ways to reach other towns and communities, for which we praise the Lord so much. Kansas has been a hard state for the Church of God to get started, but because of the faithfulness of our overseers from year to year and our few ministers, we have gained some slowly. At this time there seems to be people looking from different movements of Pentecost to the Church of God.

We have in this district only three churches. Weir, a small town but a fine talented people, are sacrificing wholeheartedly for the Church. Since the Assembly we have purchased two lots and have the foundation laid for a church building. The merchants have donated some to this and have promised their support which we appreciate so much. The W. W. B. has raised most of this by their good work. They are still working, and say, we are counting on them. Praise the Lord! Besides this we have good singers who are willing to glorify God, of which I'll mention the Richardson Sisters Quartet who sang for some time over the air, KOAM, Pittsburg, Kans. We hope some plan can be made to put them back on the air, for the lack of means was the only reason it wasn't continued.

Pittsburg has a building already up but not completed, but knowing the spirit of those talented, wide-awake people, we are not uneasy but what our Y. P. E. will have this building ceiled soon, as they have started the job. I'm sure they will complete it and that soon. I have found that when young people start they have a zeal to continue. Of course, God is back of it all. The W. W. B. is work-

ing with great enthusiasm to floor our church, which it needs so much for this cold weather. Despite all these drawbacks (of the building), the church is coming to the front, feeling soon it will double and more than double its standing.

We are looking for great revivals in this district soon as the Spirit is moving us that way. We have at Pittsburg some good singers, of which is the noted Silver Tone Quartet, all members of the Church of God and, of course, their songs are sung in the Spirit. We appreciate these good singers more than we can tell, feeling that in our revival campaign they will be of great service in advancing this good gospel.

I have made only one trip to Kansas City since being in the district and have only a good outlook to report for it. Owing to the able pastor there and his faithful laborers, I'm sure it will make a mark in 1938. Our pastor, Brother N. Steenburg and his wife, are real workers and we feel like the church made a good choice when it claimed them as our own fellow laborers. God bless Kansas City! I'm informed by mail that the church is growing since I was there. We have new places waiting for us and if any one feels the call of God to home missions and are not afraid of a few hardships, come over and help us. "The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few."

Brother J. T. Campbell, formally of Ranger, Texas, doesn't at all seem to be turned from our determination to reach the whole world with the whole gospel by the disappointments that follow this mission field. And, of course, with his steadfast zeal for this purpose, as overseer of this state, we, ministers and lay members are encouraged to do our best. All our people love Brother Campbell and at present he and Brother Volk are turning the town of Coffeyville upside down. Sixteen were saved in less than a week. Come on, Coffeyville, is what I feel like saying, as it has had a struggle in its beginning but now is rising and shining for God. When one gets acquainted with the Kansas people he will find them to be good people who will die for you. Sometimes our ministers who do not understand this people may feel like they are indifferent and selfish, but my experience, after spending five years and over, finds them to be sometimes hard to know and after known can't be forgotten because of their love for you. I can always speak good words for Kansas. Now when you think of us, pray for the progress of this worthy cause.—C. C. Rains, district pastor, Weir, Kans.

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Ranger, Tex. Dist. Convention

The Ranger, Texas district convention began Friday evening, January 14, with

concert prayer and choir singing, after which Brother T. M. White, pastor of local church, gave a short welcome address and the good spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the convention. Brother O. L. Crow, pastor of Weatherford church, Sister Gertrude Alexander, leader of Stephenville church, and Brother Mark Cooper of Jal, N. Mex. each gave a short response to the welcome address. Brother H. N. Scoggins, our much-esteemed overseer, brought a wonderful message in a very few words, then Brother Jess Terral, pastor at Scrawn, brought the evening message. His message was to the point and was certainly listened to by a well-filled house.

Saturday morning service began with song and prayer. Brother Scoggins brought the message. This message was very instructive and made us feel the need of getting closer to God. Sister Gertrude Alexander was the speaker for the Saturday afternoon service. She brought a wonderful message. Saturday night by time for services to start the house was full of folks eager to hear more of the old-time singing, praying and preaching. After song and prayer we had a short testimony service, then we were favored with some specials after which a love offering was taken for Brother Scoggins. He brought another much-needed message.

Sunday morning services began at 9:45 with concert prayer. After song service Brother Scoggins took a Sunday School offering, then Brother Baker, pastor of Graham, made a fine talk on Sunday School. Brother Scoggins brought the 11:00 o'clock message. At the close of his message he took a mission offering to the amount of \$10.15. We were then dismissed to eat the basket lunch that had been prepared, but after hearing so many things from the good Word of God, we were already feeling like stalled calves. Praise the dear Lord for His many blessings to His children.

We met at 1:30 for the afternoon service, expecting another good feast of good things from our Father's table and we were not disappointed. After good choir singing we enjoyed some specials. Brother O. L. Crow brought the closing message. This was a much-needed message. Brother Scoggins capped the climax by having the last say and telling the pastors he thought they were responsible for the way the folks lived by the way they taught them, or, in other words, the spiritual food they fed them. Saints of God, let's get behind our pastors more with our prayers that they will be able to feed us the engrafted Word that will save us. Our convention came to a close with handshakes and goodbyes with a sweet spirit of fellowship that existed the whole convention. I know the Lord

was pleased. Pray for us here at Ranger. —Mrs. T. M. White, 601 Pershing St., Ranger, Tex.

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With the Power of God He Wins

We praise God for the victory in Arkansas. We had a wonderful preachers' meeting. Brother Johnson and the LeFevre Trio were with us, also our good state overseer, Brother Odis Smith. Most of the preachers were there and best of all, God was there. Everybody seemed to be at his best. Oh, how our hearts did burn within us as we received the good instructions from our good state overseer and Assistant General Overseer, and God is still blessing.

We have had some good revivals. Brother Smith was called for a meeting in the western part of the state. He preached a week and set a church in order. They are fixing to build a church. And without losing any time he came right back to Little Rock where God is blessing, where we have about ten new members added to the church, and praise God, two good preachers with them.

Brother Smith, our overseer, organized a Sunday School and this last Sunday, which was the second Sunday, we had over forty on roll. Oh, how people are looking toward the Church, with others wanting our overseer to come preach for them, and there is a good interest where he preached in a revival. He had to leave to tour the state. Oh, how he has the work at heart, and how Arkansas appreciates Brother Smith because he has the go ye and sticks when the battle is hot, and with the power of God he wins.

Please remember to pray for us, and remember, Arkansas, God is with you, your state overseer is with you and your state evangelist is with you, also your district overseer and pastor, to assist you this year in revivals. Let us build some new churches and put God's work over. —Yours for His cause, M. N. McPherson, Jr., state evangelist, c/o Odis Smith, Little Rock, Ark., Rt. 3, Box 232.

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Here to Work Until the Victory is Won

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—We praise the Lord for His good blessings to us and for the good meeting we are having here. I came here to pastor this year and was some time getting here. I moved Dec. 8 and Dec. 26 we started a revival which is still going. Sixteen have been saved, seven sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. The altar is full and there is good interest and large crowds every night. All the saints seem to be on the upward go and encouraged to go on. We have a lot of fine saints here, and there are many fine people here who don't

belong to the Church and they help support the work here. I hope they will come in with us. They say it is right, so pray for them. We have such unity of the Spirit and are striving to keep the unity of the Spirit till we all come in the unity of the faith. If there is a cross anywhere, I do not know of it. We have several good preachers here and they all work in the service. The good saints all work too. I surely praise God for people who will work.

We have a fine Sunday School, Y. P. E. and Willing Workers' Band. They are doing fine. We are up with all our church program such as old ministers' quota, mission quota, etc. Pray for us and the revival that God may save many souls. We hope to have a big baptizing at the close of this meeting and the Lord's Supper and feet washing, D. V. Come with us, we will do you good.

Pray for us that we will be able to build a larger church house and membership too. We are here to work until the victory is fully won or Jesus comes or calls, so pray for our success.—Your brother, Sam Holcomb, Rt. 1, Box 60, c/o E. V. Williams.

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God Wonderfully Blessing At Phenix City, Ala.

For some time the revival spirit has been working in our midst. Under the mighty leadership of our beloved pastor, Brother J. S. Collins, assisted by Brother W. E. Pope, our assistant pastor, the Lord has wonderfully blessed and is still blessing.

Brother H. L. Whittington, our state overseer, paid us a visit Dec. 11. His message was soul-stirring as well as encouraging. It seemed to give everyone a new zeal to work for the Lord.

The Lord wonderfully blessed during the Christmas holidays. Brother Collins was with us on New Year's night for the watch service. As the old year went out and the new came in, it just seemed like heaven had come down in our midst. A number of people received definite experiences in this service.

Brother A. W. Mills, our district overseer, was with us Jan. 12-14 for the regular quarterly visit. The Lord wonderfully blessed in these services during which we had regular quarterly conference, the Lord's Supper and feet washing. A number of people were in the altar in each service and some prayed through to victory. The Lord has set His approval on the work here.

Since this revival spirit has been with us, the Lord has wonderfully saved twelve souls; nine of this number have been sanctified, five filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and others are considering com-

ing in. Three of this number were backsliders restored to full salvation.

Signs are following believers through miraculous cases of divine healing in our midst. Just here I will mention the case of Sister Eva Bryant, one of our new members. Last Saturday afternoon she was stricken with something like acute indigestion. For about forty-five minutes she was unconscious and very near death's door. Runners were sent out hurriedly for the saints of God to come and pray for her. When Brother Collins and I reached her bedside she was apparently dead, but, praise God, some of the saints were already praying. We laid hands on her in the name of Jesus. God instantly touched her, she revived and was healed and was at church and testified to it the next night.

We humbly ask that all pray that God will continue to bless the work at Phenix City, Ala. — Sincerely your brother, Eugene Glass, clerk.

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New Mexico State Ministers' Meeting

The people of New Mexico can truthfully and joyfully say that one of the best ministers' meeting of the state, which convened at Carlsbad, January 7-9, has just closed. Some tried to estimate the value of the meeting in dollars and cents but that was undervaluing it, for truly God's approval was on every service and God alone can know of its value to every one present. We were honored by having Brother R. P. Johnson as the main speaker during the convention.

Friday night Brother S. J. Wood, our beloved state overseer, opened the convention with words to make every one welcome, especially the presence of God and the Holy Ghost. Brother Johnson's sermon, "The Charge to the Ministers," was very beneficial and profitable.

Saturday morning Brother Johnson gave a very effective message on "Missions" which made all feel the need of supporting the missionaries on their various fields of labor. An offering of \$31.75 for missions was given at this time. Resolutions were made by the convention to boost and carry on every phase of the Church program in general and in the state. Brother George Lytle was named state Sunday School superintendent and Sister Mary Henson was named state Y. P. E. president. We are very glad to have them working in the state and God is blessing their efforts for Him.

Sister S. J. Wood, the founder of the W. W. B., was on the job, as usual, with a good boost for the Willing Workers. Every W. W. B. in the state is working and helping the progress of the churches

in a spiritual as well as a financial way. A banner will be given to the band that has accomplished the most at the close of each quarterly report. Brother Johnson told of several successful W. W. B's that were not afraid to work. He also told of several men who were good willing workers, therefore the membership is not for ladies only.

Saturday night the message by Brother Johnson brought a realization to us of the need of more true and faithful worshippers to God. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. During this service heaven seemed to swing low and bless us with the presence of God and also a message and interpretation from the Holy Ghost.

Sunday morning service consisted of short talks or reports from each pastor of his immediate work. Brother Wood brought a much-needed and teachable message on "The Pastor's and Laity's Duty to Each Other." It seemed no one else could have brought this message more effectively than he did, for God's presence was felt very much during the discourse.

The convention closed Sunday afternoon, seemingly all with the victory and a new zeal and determination to work harder for His cause. With the help of Sister Largin and coworkers and others in the state in the evangelistic work, we feel much good will be done for New Mexico this year. Pray for New Mexico. —Mrs. Otha Andersor, Hobbs, New Mexico.

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Requests Prayer For Complete Healing

MENTONE, Ala.—I truly thank God for His many and great blessings He has for those who will really put their trust in Him. Last January I gave birth to a baby, from that inflammation set up. I have been sick ever since. Abscesses started from that and I had four. I went to the Assembly to have Brother Rouse pray for me. I asked the Lord if it was His will for Him to heal me, but if it wasn't and He had some purpose for my suffering to let me stay that way until it was brought forth.

When I came home from the Assembly I had a very bad spell. They took me to the hospital. I was operated on. They took two abscesses and left two. They lanced them and put a tube in them. I was so near dead the doctors said I wouldn't live long, my blood was so near gone. They gave me four blood transfusions. I stayed in the hospital almost six weeks but I still am not giving the doctors praise, for my Savior said He healed all our diseases. Truly we should praise Him all our days.

I can feel the effect of prayers for me,

can feel that saints are praying. I am able to be up but am not healed yet. I ask the saints to pray for me. I feel there is a work for Jesus and I am not able to go. I know He has laid it on my heart and I feel I must work now while I can, for the time is coming when we can't work for Him with freedom.

Please pray that the Lord will heal me if it is His will so that I can work for Him.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. Geneva Hulan.

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Ten Added to Lemmon Church

We feel grateful to the Lord for the good way He has blessed us this winter. When the teachers and students came in for Bible School they brought along a spirit and zeal to work for God.

We have had no great wave of revival nor any special manifestation of power but it seems there has been a steady forward move.

At a prayer service, on Sunday, or at a midweek meeting someone is saved, sanctified or baptized in the Holy Ghost. The teachers, Bible School students and the officers and members of the church all move along in such perfect harmony, it seems like one large family. A missionary zeal has gotten hold of our folks. One of the Bible students, Alvin Thompson, has been appointed temporary pastor of the Mobridge church 112 miles east of here. He usually goes down on Sunday morning, leaving about five o'clock, returning after church in the evening, which is sometimes very late if the Lord blesses in a special way.

At Bismarck, N. Dak., the state capital, there is a group of earnest Christians but without a permanent pastor yet. That is about 135 miles from here. The Bible School superintendent, Brother C. H. Hilemon, who came from North Carolina last fall, has driven up there for a Sunday service and plans to go again soon.

Another local member, Sister Dyer, has charge of the work in two rural communities. Her program takes her to Coal Springs each Sunday and for one midweek service. It is forty miles to Coal Springs, making the round trip 80 miles. Every other Sunday she goes on 35 miles further to Glad Valley making the round trip 150 miles.

Everything in connection with the church here seems to be moving along nicely and we feel encouraged to press on, trusting the Lord to continue to bless.—Box 333, Lemmon, S. Dak.

If all people were as anxious to get to the bottom as some are in climbing to the top they would have no trouble in reaching both places.

REVIVALS

CAMPAIGN, Tenn.—We started a revival at the Church of God at Campaign, Tenn., Jan. 2 which ran three weeks. We had with us two Baptist ministers and Brothers John Hash and B. T. Grissom, ministers of the Church of God, who assisted the pastor in the preaching. The laity of the church was faithful every service, helping the seekers to the altar. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Three were saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The revival closed with good interest and the church greatly encouraged.—W. H. Huddleston, pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—Truly, we praise the Lord for the good, old-time, Pentecostal power which brings old-time salvation. Brother and Sister Walter Volk closed a three weeks' revival at the Coffeyville Church of God last night, Jan. 16, with forty praying through to salvation, with quite a number sanctified, nine filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues and fifteen added to the church. God certainly came down in a wonderful way. The revival closed with the house crowded to utmost capacity. A number left because they could not get in.

We also praise the Lord for the young people. Quite a number of young folks have been saved, sanctified and baptized and are real workers for God. The president of the Y. P. E. and his coworkers are on fire for God. Pray for us that we will stay humble at Jesus' feet.—Cora Crossman, 107 Paul St.

NORTH MATEWAN, W. Va.—The Church of God here has just closed a three weeks' revival conducted by Brother R. T. Hill, our pastor. The Lord blessed wonderfully in this meeting. Eight were converted, thirteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The presence and power of God was felt in every service. We praise and thank God for our good pastor and his wife, they have meant so much to us. We pray God will continue to bless in our services. Since the revival has been going on our Sunday School has increased about twenty-five and we pray it will increase more. We desire the prayers of the saints. Also pray for my family. Pray a special prayer for my husband.—A sister in the Church of God, Ethel May.

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—I have

just visited the Bristol, Tenn. church where a revival has been in progress for three weeks and is going on for another week. The Lord is blessing. Eighteen have been saved, nineteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost. All seating room was filled, many were standing around the walls, in the aisles and over a hundred outside even though it was a chilly night. Brother A. J. Swift, pastor of the Church of God at Johnson City, is doing the preaching. They are having services at 3:15-4:15, E. S. T., over WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., which are bringing wonderful results. I also got there in time for Y. P. E. service which was certainly fine.—Yours in His service, J. A. Cole, 408 Cottage Ave.

LINDALE, Ga.—We lift our hearts in praise to our Redeemer for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit that was manifested in a revival that has just closed here. The meeting continued for three and one-half weeks. Twenty-eight were saved, many others blessed, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-two added to the church. Several others have already received the baptism since the meeting closed. Brother Shelton Brock was in charge of the meeting and was greatly used of the Lord in delivering the messages. We predict a fruitful ministry for him if he continues in prayer and obedience.—E. M. Tapley, pastor.

NORFOLK, Va.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to us at Norfolk, Va. Our little church was about gone, the devil said it would go down, but thanks be to God, there were a faithful few who held to God's unchanging hand. The dear Lord heard their cries and sent Brother J. L. Dalton to our rescue. We thank God for Brother Dalton, he was a heaven-send to us. The first night there were only eight at church but the Lord was with us. The church began to fill with hungry souls and Brother Dalton has been preaching the gospel full and free. Eleven have been saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and the end is not seen. Please pray for the church at Norfolk, Va.—Your brother in Christ, D. R. Byrd.

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—Brother O. R. Reed of Johnson City, Tenn. just closed a two weeks' revival at this place in which thirteen were saved, three sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. God blessed in many ways. The Lord blessed Brother Reed in giving out the Word. We love him and are proud of a man who will stand foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings. We are also proud of Brother and Sister Teaster because they are back with us again this year.

We thank God for a good Sunday School and for our Y. P. E. We have a group of young people that we are proud of. We desire the prayers of the saints.—Your sister in Christ, Alice Craven, clerk, 303 N. Irish St.

SEAFORD, Del.—The Lord wonderfully blessed in our revival which we held two weeks, conducted by our pastor, Elder Wm. L. Jones, who preached such wonderful sermons that souls ran unto the Lord and cried with loud voices for mercy and the Lord heard their cries. There were eight saved, six sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church. We request prayer that the Lord will continue to bless.—Seaford, Del. Colored Church of God, Lloyd L. Palmer, reporter, Rt. 1.

JASONVILLE, Ind.—We thank and praise God for a week's meeting that has just closed, conducted by Sister Maggie Standifer, our state overseer's wife. God wonderfully blessed. Three were saved, several reclaimed and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank God for sending Sister Standifer our way, for all the saints feel very much encouraged to press on. Pray that God will continue to bless her and will strengthen her body so that she will always be able to do what God has laid on her heart to do. Pray that God will continue to bless in our church and many souls will be brought into the fold.—A sister in Christ, Sylvesta Gambill, Rt. 1.

E. BERNSTADT, Ky.—God sent Brother L. A. Murphy of Hamilton, Ohio to us for a revival. God was with us in a great way. We fasted and prayed for hours and then Brother Murphy came and said God sent him. The altar was filled with seekers. He was with us five weeks and about twenty-five were saved, twenty sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirty-eight added to the church. Brother Murphy has gone home but the revival is still going. People from other counties are coming here seeking God. God is still sending conviction. We are trying to get in touch with Sister Annie Runions. I feel like God would have her come and continue this meeting. There are about twenty-five at the altar, so pray much for us and anybody who can get in touch with Sister Annie Runions, please tell her we want her here at once.—Tom Brooks.

Oh, for more people who are loyal to the cross of Christ, who will shrink not from duty or complain, not at suffering if it brings help to souls or glory to God. Such people are in great demand in the kingdom of God, and will always find a place.

REGENERATION (Born Again)

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to make heaven your home. The spiritual birth makes us not of different nationalities but of one blood, regardless of our nationality. We are brethren only if we have been REGENERATED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD as He takes control and makes us anew. We pass from death unto life, from darkness to light, from the old man to the new man, from a heart that is full of sin to one that is clean, from momentary pleasures to eternal joy, from a guilty conscience to one that is free from offending God and man, from the lifelong dread of eternity without God to the joyous expectation of ETERNITY WITH THE LORD.

Friend, don't you think that this experience is worth trading your life of sin for? That is all that Jesus asks you to do—just give up your life of ungodliness and dissipation, repent of your sins, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, believe that through His atonement you can be free, and the great Spirit of God will REGENERATE your life like He did Paul the apostle. Neither is this the only example of God's great regenerating power.

I have in mind now a drunken infidel of Alaska, by the name of Joseph Conlee, whose body seemed to be pickled in alcohol. He had drunk for years, had delirium tremens, his soul was tainted with sin, his faith almost totally destroyed by his infidel speeches. Yet, one night he poured his heart out to God in a lonely cabin, with two companions of the same character. They prayed for hours until God came and in a miraculous manner regenerated their lives and they all became preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They all came back to the States and each of them entered the ministry, Conlee becoming dean of a religious college in Oregon. Shortly before his death he called Dr. Chas. Price to his room and related to him this miraculous story of his conversion which came about shortly after years of earnest prayers of his wife and daughter. Then when he was on his deathbed he sent word to Brother Price telling him that the great power of God that had made his life anew in the lonely cabin in Alaska, had kept him to the end, and that the presence of Jesus was felt as he realized his soul was separating from the body, leaving a great testimony to the supernatural power of God that comes into one's life at the time of and after the born-again experience, enabling us to live right and die right and to go to the right place to spend eternity.

In John 3:3 we have the words of Christ Himself, which reads, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be

born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The two experiences are nearly identical. The regenerating power of God produces a new creature, or brings us into the realities of the born-again experience.

Webster says "regenerate" means to "renew the heart of and cause to turn to the love of God; produce anew." Notice "to produce anew," or, in other words we understand by the Bible that after we obtain this wonderful experience that we will be new creatures. Psalms 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." The carnal mind is contrary to God's will, and has been ever since the fall of man in the garden of Eden, and will remain the same unless the regenerating power comes into the life and changes the whole course of nature. Jesus says you cannot see the kingdom of heaven without it. Further, He says you cannot enter the kingdom. In fact, you are not entitled to the benefits of the eternal world or of God's blessings and approval in this life unless you are born again.

Man is a sinner by nature first, then most men are sinners by choice for after the grace of God is preached and the light of the Bible shines on their path, they prefer darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil and because they prefer to live in sin, for the Bible declares that Jesus tasted death for every man. He died that everybody might be saved for time and eternity from the sins of this life and the coming judgments of God.

Matt. 1:21 says Jesus "shall save his people FROM their sins." Yes, thank God, He paid the price for our sins on the cross of Calvary. You may ignore this statement, nevertheless faith in the atonement has saved the past millions of Christians FROM their sins, thousands are saved today by the same power, and whosoever will can be saved now.

We give the following scriptures as proof of the foregoing statement. Mark 14:24, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many." Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Also read the following: Rom. 3:25-5:9; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; 1 Peter 1:19; Heb. 9:22.

All men are sinners unless their sins have been forgiven through faith in the shed blood of Jesus. Rom. 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Therefore, it was needful for sinners 1900 years ago to have in Jesus not only the greatest teacher of all ages but to have in Him a SAVIOR. The same is needed today for sinners to be

saved. They must of necessity have a Savior.

It is not enough to be taught for with all the teachers and preachers that refer to Jesus as a master teacher, an idealistic figure, a man so good that His followers took Him to be God, with all this and more, the world still goes on in the most gross sins that can be imagined. Something more is needed. Yes, friend, what the world needs today is a Savior. If you will believe you can be BORN AGAIN, or born from above, or, to make it plainer still, be born of the Spirit of God.

May God bless this impartation of His blessed truths to the salvation of your souls, which in turn will impart to you the hope of eternal life so you will not have to say with one noted infidel, I am about to leap into the dark, I know not where. No, thank God, we know that when this earthly house (body) is dissolved we have a building of God, one not made with hands, eternally in the heavens. We know that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is unadulterated, infallible, everlasting. Heaven and earth will pass away but this good old book will stand when this world is on fire and the elements melt with fervent heat. Will you meet me in heaven? God bless you.

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It Is Now Time to Awake

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ers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now (present tense) are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, *Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.* Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

May God bless you and make you wide awake, that you may be prayed up, packed up and ready to go up when Jesus comes. Amen.

Being what we ought to be goes a long way toward qualifying us for doing what we ought to do and keeping us from doing what we ought not to do.

Requests

I thank the Lord for healing, through the prayers of the saints, when I stuck a nail through my foot. Please pray for my wife who has stomach trouble and toothache. Also remember to pray for the Church of God at Ferris, Tex., and pray for me that I will be true and faithful.—J. W. Jackson, Rt. 1, Crisp, Tex.

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Please continue to pray for my healing for I know He is able to heal me.—A sister in Christ, Laura J. Crockett, Austinville, Va.

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Please pray that the Lord will fill me with the Holy Ghost. Also pray for my brother, the devil has overthrown him. Pray that he will get back to the Lord. Also pray that he will be healed of lung trouble. Pray for my mother, she has had pellagra for about three years.—Your brother in Christ, Harrison Smith, Martins Fork, Ky.

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Pray that my baby sister will receive the Holy Ghost. Also pray for her husband to be saved. Pray for my husband's cousin to be saved, he is under conviction. We distribute tracts, so pray that we can continue the good work and do more for Jesus.—Your sister, Mrs. Bertha Sisk, Rt. 2, Sasakwa, Okla.

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We are having a wonderful revival at Decatur, Ala. Three have been saved, five sanctified and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Clara Maxwell is doing the preaching. Pray much for our meeting, the outlook is a great revival just ahead.—Charlie E. Mills, 1005 Olive St., Decatur, Ala.

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We just closed a two weeks' revival at Beckley. Many were saved and sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirty-three added to the church. We are on Brother Statum's district yet in a revival at Lester. Pray for us.—Humbly, G. C. Smith, Lester, W. Va.

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Please pray a special prayer for my head. I have such pain in it, I can hardly live when it strikes me, but I am still trusting God. Please send up a prayer to God for my healing. I have trusted Him about twenty-four years and know He has answered prayer for my healing.—Your sister in the Church of God, Lizzie Barnett, Weona, Ark.

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Please pray a special prayer for my brother who is afflicted in body. I know

God can heal. Also pray that God will save his soul. I have a father and mother in sin, please pray for them.—Miss Nola Palmer, Rt. 2, Silver Point, Tenn.

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Please pray for me that God will heal my body. I have lung trouble and am fully trusting the Lord. Pray that He will give me more faith. Also pray for our leader, Sister Jessie Mae Rose, she is in a serious condition. God knows all about it. Also pray for Brother Dewey Thompson.—A sister in Christ, Hazel Kirk, Omar, W. Va.

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I want every child of God to please pray for me that God will have His way in my home. I also have an unspoken request.—A sister, Beulah Chaney, 418 Prosperity St., Sikeston, Mo.

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Please pray for my wife to be healed, she is much in need of prayer. She has trusted the Lord for her healing for seventeen years. She has kidney trouble, also the flu, so please pray for her healing.—J. M. Hartline, Larkinsville, Ala.

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Brother J. M. Murray is assisting Brother L. P. Shaw in a revival at the Church of God in Valdosta, Ga. Please pray that many souls will be saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. B. Bell, 419 N. Lee St., Valdosta, Ga.

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Pray for us at Allen Junction, W. Va. We have a meeting going and the Lord is working. Please pray earnestly that people will get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for Brother Spangler who is in charge. Also pray for our pastor, Brother Jennings. Pray for me to get closer to God.—A sister, B. M. Kinsley, Allen Junction, W. Va.

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God is still blessing at Clinton, S. C. During the week two were saved, two sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. We have a good Sunday School. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, J. P. Reed, Clinton, S. C.

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Pray for me that the Lord will heal me. The doctor says I have a tumor.—Estell Reed, Clinton, S. C.

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Pray a special prayer for me, I have epileptic fits. Pray that God will heal and save me.—Robert Lee, Clinton, S. C.

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Saints, please pray for my husband and me. Pray that we may raise our children to be children of God. Pray for my orphan brother and sisters that God will save their souls. Also pray for a brother and sister in Christ.—Mattie Lee McIntyre, Thomasville, Ala.

On Jan. 16 we began a revival at the New Georgia Church of God and covet the prayers of everyone as we surely need your help. God is blessing but we want one of the greatest revivals that has ever been held here. If you feel led to come over and help us, come on and you will have a hearty welcome.—A brother in the Lord, G. W. Padgett, pastor, Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

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Please pray earnestly for a very dear friend of mine who has been overcome by the enemy. It is so sad. He says pray that God will take his trouble out of his heart so he can forget and have a spirit to pray. Please take this to heart, someone is drifting away from God. Please ask the dear Lord to come to his rescue. Please pray for the healing of my body, I am down with my back and can't do my house work.—Your sister under the blood, Sarah Johnson, Oconee, Ga.

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Pray for Carl and his wife to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray that the Lord will heal my head and throat and that He will help me to live a good life and that I can get close to a Church of God.—F. E. Newby, Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for my brother's baby whom the doctors have given up. It has meningitis. Also pray for its parents who are unsaved. Brother Rouse, please pray a special prayer.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. C. Morgan, Rt. 2, Box 134T, Clarksdale, Miss.

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Please pray for my little four-year-old boy to be healed of asthma. The Lord healed him over three years ago of eczema after we had had three doctors with him.—M. P. Wilson, R. F. D. 1, Box 126, Macon, Ga.

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Please pray for my sister who is very ill. She is not in the church but is a believer. I desire an interest in your prayers that we will hold out till the work is done.—Your brother in Jesus, Henry Ayers, Rt. 1, Leighton, Ala.

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Dear saints, will you please join me in prayer for the healing of my baby who has fall sores all over him, and for my daughter who had an operation and has never recovered. Also pray for me, I have eczema and other troubles, all of which I am trusting God for.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Gertrude Palmer, Rt. 1, Nebo, Va.

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I thank the Lord that He has healed my lungs several times but if I take cold they hurt me. Pray for my complete healing and that I will live true to the Lord and raise my family as the Lord would have me to. Pray for my mother, her

heart bothers her.—Mrs. Marvin Jones, Rt. 1, Lithia, Fla.

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Please pray for my unsaved husband to be saved before it is too late. Pray that I can teach my babies in the way they should go and that I can live for the Lord. I live in a place where there is no Church of God. My road is hard. Pray that I will get closer and be a light to someone.—Mrs. Irene Anderson, Rt. 2, Flintville, Tenn.

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Please pray for me, I am down with the rheumatism and can hardly get up. I don't belong to the church but I do believe in it, for I know it is right. Pray that I will be healed and receive salvation.—June Parton, Arden, N. C.

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Dear saints, please get Mt. Zion on your prayer list. Pray that God will make a way for us to build a church. God has been blessing in our services which we have been having in my home. Two have received the Holy Ghost, and two have been saved. Brother Clyde C. Cox is in a revival at Forest. Thank the Lord for Brother Cox.—A brother in Christ, J. H. Irby, Rt. 3, Oak Grove, La.

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Please pray a special prayer that God will bless my home. The devil knows our weak places and he knows mine is my temper, so he is working to pull me down. Pray that God will give me sufficient strength to go forward, live a sacrificial life and work for Him despite anything the devil has to offer. Pray that I will meet conditions so that I may receive the Holy Ghost. God knows my heart. Pray that the Lord will save my wife so she will enjoy a Christian life and be of help to me as I strive to do His will. Also pray that the Lord will protect our babies and they will not be stricken with any of the many diseases that are prevalent here, if it's God's will, and that we may bring them up in the way they should go.—Your humble brother, Lewis B. Greer, Blue Ridge, Ga.

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Pray that I will get closer to the Lord. Also remember my brother in prayer who has been deaf for twenty-five years. Pray that the Lord will save his soul and grant him his hearing again. I praise the Lord for our Y. P. E. It is growing and the Lord is blessing our efforts. We also have a good Sunday School and have a desire to be drawn closer to the Lord. Pray for us.—Miss Helen Lockhart, sec., Y. P. E., Hartwell, W. Va.

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Dear saints, pray that God will heal my finger which has something like a bonefelon on it. Also pray that I will stand true to God.—Your sister in

Christ, Asha Irby, Rt. 3, Oak Grove, La.

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We started a revival at Drumright, Okla. Jan. 26. We covet your prayers that we may find grace with God and favor with the people and that we may gather a great harvest of souls and get a church here. Pray much for us as this is a needy field.—Paul J. Brown, Chandler, Okla.

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Dear saints, I am a young girl, nineteen years of age, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, pay tithes and trust God for healing. God has called me to evangelize but my family is against my doing so and I get very little encouragement at home. For the last month I have been tempted more than ever before, and without the Lord's help I could not have stood it. I want to get out in the service so badly and go to Bible School, but above all this God has promised to answer our prayers, and what I can rely on is He will not let us be tempted above that we are able to bear, for His grace is sufficient. I praise God for victory, patience and overcoming power. Please pray that God will bless me and that if God has me where He wants me and this is the place in His service that pleases Him best, that I will be willing to suffer until God sees fit to make a change. I would be glad to get some encouraging words from anyone. Pray that my father and the unsaved of my family will be saved. Don't pass this up as an old saying, but fast and talk to God about it. — Yours in the Master's service, Miss Clara Cross, Rt. 1, Iron City, Ga.

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Please pray for this place, this is a needy place here on Wylie Branch. We had a little church here but the enemy crept in and scattered the flock and there isn't a Church of God close. Pray for me and my husband. Pray for our bodies, also pray for our unsaved children and that we will live a consecrated life and be humble.—Your humble sister, Callie Cook, Bear Creek, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 70.

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I request the prayers of the saints that I may be a complete overcomer through Jesus Christ and ever live in the center of His will.—H. H. Needham, Brewster-town, Tenn.

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Pray for me that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Also pray that God will change the hearts in my home. I know God is not satisfied with the way things go on. Pray for my children who have very bad colds, also pray for me, I have been nearly sick all the week. Pray that my daughter and son-in-law will hold out faithfully. Pray

that God will provide a place for us to have service. Few people here believe in holiness and this is a hard field. I want to be in service so badly but the nearest place is ten miles. Please pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lillie McCord, Rt. 2, Prattville, Ala.

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Please help me pray for my loved ones and friends to be saved. Pray for me that I'll always be in the Lord's will and be a blessing to others and that the church here will rise and shine.—A sister, Miss Ruth Froshour, West Point, Miss.

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Dear saints, please pray for me that I might stay humble and in the will of the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Virginia Pannell, R. F. D. 1, Roswell, Ga.

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I praise God because I am much better than I was but I ask you to please pray that I will be completely healed. Brother Rouse, please pray for me. I trust the Lord for the healing of my body. Also pray for our church, we are few in number and have a hard time but trust the Lord that a brighter day will be here soon. Pray for my father, brothers and sisters to be saved, they are all out in sin. Pray that God will save souls in this place. We are starting a revival soon.—Your sister in Christ, Anna York, Ethel, W. Va.

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CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT

BY C. M. JENKERSON

ORGANIZE A BIBLE STUDY CLUB

Why not be the first church to start one? The Correspondence Department has a plan by which (club groups) everyone can study and graduate from its General Bible Course.

If you wish to get information concerning the BIBLE STUDY CLUB—on how to organize, rates, etc., write us at once.

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come to the neighboring churches to come be with us. We expect to have the Lord's Supper and feet washing. I would like for every member to be here as we would like to make up the full quota on the mission. We can take care of several; brothers are throwing their doors open and saying, Come. We expect the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to take charge of the service. I would like to have our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, and our district overseer, Brother Sells, with us.—J. L. Dalton, pastor, 734 Gibbs Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Obituaries

HOLBERT

The death angel visited Sister Victoria Holbert's home January 9, 1938 and claimed her for its victim. She was seventy years of age. She was a member of the Church of God from its beginning in the Bahamas. For twenty-seven years she took her part in evangelizing the out islands and was working in the Church of God at East Sheet at her death. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brothers W. V. Eneas, Wm. R. Franks, overseer and N. L. Scott and her body laid to rest in the Marshall View cemetery.—Deacon Albert Ingraham, Nassau, Bah.

EVANS

On Dec. 9, 1937 the death angel called Sister Nora Evans, age fifty-five years. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. The funeral service was conducted by our pastor, Brother Porter White, and her body laid to rest in Bethany cemetery.—Two sisters who loved her, Ada Binton and Minnie Eubank, Charleston, S. C.

HYSAW

On Jan. 5, 1938 the death angel visited our home and claimed my husband, Sam Hysaw. He was fifty-seven years, eleven months and sixteen days old. He was a member of the Church of God at Dora, Ala. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Kyle Adams and interment made in the Dora cemetery.—His wife, Mrs. Vernon Hysaw, Rt. 3, Jasper, Ala.

ROBERTSON

Sister Dora Mae Robertson, wife of Elmer Robertson, deceased this life Dec. 20, 1937. She was a loyal member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Brother Stanley Joplin and the writer.—Her pastor, G. W. Messer, E. St. Louis, Ill.

HASTINGS

Our precious Sister Hastings died Jan. 3, 1938. She was a member of the Church of God at E. St. Louis, Ill. The funeral was conducted by the writer and Stanley Joplin and her body laid to rest in the Mount Hope cemetery.—One who knew her, G. W. Messer, pastor.

CARPENTER

Little Mary Alice Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. West Carpenter departed this life Jan. 14, 1938 at the age of two years. The parents loved her but

Jesus knew best.—A friend, Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Yazoo City, Miss.

Praise the Lord for the Church of God

WAPATO, Wash.—Isn't it just like the Lord to lead us out of darkness into glorious light? How glad I am that He has so blessed in my life.

For almost five years I have had the joy of salvation and the blessed Holy Spirit to abide with me, but not until the past few months have I had the wonderful teachings of the Church of God. You just can't realize, neither can I tell, what it means to find such a wonderful Church after having been affiliated with a church that upheld a loose standard of living. My very soul was crying out for something better. Again I say, praise the Lord for the Church of God with its holiness standard.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Robert Whitaker.

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into practice. If we can impress those who are out of Christ to comply with God's Word and accept His truths, we will have done a great work. So let us sow right and till the soil with patience, giving out His truth at every opportunity, with love and faith. There is going to be some tribulation to go through with and I wonder if God is not trying many of us now, getting us ready for the final conflict. Jesus didn't say to that man, Your good deeds have made you whole. He didn't say anything about his clothes nor his scholarship, but the Bible says, "When Jesus saw their faith," and I believe he referred not only to the sick man but to the four that brought him there. I tell you, it is going to take some faith to get through and we must make it through; we can't afford to fail.

IN TRUST

"Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," Eph. 3:13, 14.

Here Paul is telling the church at Ephesus about his great desire about their continuing in the faith, and he has reference to his bonds while at Rome, when he refers to his tribulations. Paul was afraid that the Ephesian brethren would become discouraged when they learned about his bonds and persecutions at Rome. It seems that his whole Christian career was filled with whippings and mockings, but the more they persecuted him the stronger he got. He waxed valiant in the fight and preached the truth until the day of his death. Not one time did he compromise. In all of his travels he seemed to have a message

that far outstripped his fellow ministers, and was able to correct their errors and hold up a standard that caused those around him to bow their knee to Jesus Christ, his resurrected Savior. This was his theme wherever he went—the power of the crucified one to save and to heal, to sanctify and to fill.

IN WELL DOING

"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed," 2 Thess. 3:13, 14.

These two verses, to my mind, are exactly what we need today. Paul was not afraid to advise the church at Thessalonica concerning the faith and doctrine of Jesus Christ. He didn't believe that all the messengers that came to his place would be true ministers, evidently there must have been some that did not believe and teach the love and power that Paul did, and he said, "Note that man." I tell you, we need the religion like Paul had it. We need to have the same gospel truth preached to us that Paul preached in his day and when we have it we will have the same results that he had. The sick will be healed, the devil will be defeated, and we will have liberty and power. I have longed to see a whole congregation saved in one meeting. Many times I have witnessed this in part. The gospel preached without compromise will bring men and women down before God and cause them to cry out for Him. Yes, we need it like Paul had it. We need the love and power that Paul had, and, thank God, we can have it.

IN CHASTISEMENT

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" Heb. 12:5-7.

We must remember that God loveth whom He chasteneth and we must not look at chastisement as a disapproval from our heavenly Father, or think that He does not love us. According to the above verses in Hebrews, it is a sure sign that we are His sons and that His chastisement is to bring us to perfection and to establish us in the faith. We are commanded to endure chastisement, and if we endure it patiently, it is thank-worthy.

One will not get crippled when someone tramps on his toes if he has on the gospel shoes.